Chapter 163: YUBA, THE TOWN OF REBELS

DJANGO'S DANCE PARADISE, VOL. 29:
"FRIENDSHIP, SIN AND DUTY"

SHWOOO

SAND-STORM !!!!

!!?

YUBA'S BEING HIT BY A SAND-STORM!!!

TRAVELERS? YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED FROM YOUR JOURNEY.

!?

SHUK...

DO

SHUKo..

I'M SORRY, BUT YUBA IS ALL DRIED UP.

THE DESERT IS SWAL-LOWING YUBA!!!

THE SAND IS ACCUMU-LATING.

OH!!

YUBA OASIS

ALABASTA

NO...

WHERE'S THE WATER!!?

THIS IS AN OASIS, VIVI!?

...

IT'S AS BAD AS ERUMALU!!

THIS IS TERRIBLE !!

THE CITY HAS MANY INNS. WE'RE FAMOUS FOR OUR HOSPITALITY.

BUT STOP HERE AND REST.

SWAY

SWAY

SHUK...

SHUK...

SNUFF

...

WE HEARD THAT THE REBELS WERE HERE.

UM...

TOH-TOH
CITIZEN OF YUBA

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH THE REBELS?

SHEEN..!!

...

HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING !!?

THWAK!!

WHOOM

WHO OM!!

YOU DON'T WANT TO JOIN THEM, DO YOU !!?

...HAVE LEFT YUBA!!!

SHUK..

SHUK..

THOSE FOOLS ...

THAT CAN'T BE!!!

WHAT !!!?

THE DESERT IS AT WAR WITH YUBA!!

AND LITTLE BY LITTLE, THE OASIS IS LOSING GROUND.

SHUK...

SHUK...

THIS WASN'T THE FIRST SANDSTORM TO HIT YUBA.

THREE YEARS AGO, THE LAND BEGAN TO DRY AND THE SANDS BEGAN TO BLOW.

KATOREA IS THEIR BASE NOW.

SHUK...

SHUK...

WHEN THE CITY RAN OUT OF WATER..

...THE REBELS ABAN-DONED IT.

VIVI!? DID YOU JUST SAY "VIVI"!?

!!

NANO-HANA!!?

IT'S AN OASIS NEAR NANOHANA.

WHAT!? WE CAME ALL THIS WAY FOR NOTHING!!?

WHERE'S THAT, VIVI? IS IT CLOSE BY!!?

KATO-REA!!?

HUH!?

IS IT REALLY YOU!? ARE YOU PRINCESS VIVI!!?

UM, I'M...

SHUT UP!!

WAIT, MISTER!! VIVI'S NOT A PRINCESS OR ANYTHING!!

GRR!!

SWUFF

GASP...!!

NO!!!

THAT'S RIGHT!

PLUP...

OLD TOH-TOH!?

...!!

YOU'RE ALIVE! THANK GOODNESS!! BUT DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME!?

WHAP!!

WELL, I GUESS I HAVE LOST A LITTLE WEIGHT.

PLIP

PRINCESS, I STILL BELIEVE IN THE KING!!!

HE WOULD NEVER BETRAY HIS PEOPLE!!!

WOULD HE!!?

OLD TOH-TOH?

PLEASE!!! YOU MUST STOP THEM!!!!

THIS REBEL-LION IS IDIOCY!!! THOSE BLASTED REBELS !!

ALUBARNA

11 YEARS AGO

VIVI, YOU MUST BECOME A GREAT PRINCESS!!!

TOH-TOH!?

ONLY YOU CAN SAVE US NOW !!!

DO OM!!

THE VILLAGE IS ALL DRIED UP.

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAVE US!?

KOZA
VILLAGE BOY

NOT EVEN A KING HAS POWER OVER IT!!

WEATHER IS CONTROLLED BY THE GODS.

MY COMMANDS ONLY WORK ON PEOPLE.

BUT PAPA SAYS THE KING CAN DO ANYTHING !!!

YOUR MAJESTY!! THERE'S A MAN HERE WHO CLAIMS TO BE THIS BOY'S FATHER!!

DOOM!!

IT WAS ALL MY FAULT!!! PUNISH ME, NOT HIM!!!

YOUR MAJESTY, FORGIVE MY WORTHLESS SON'S IMPUDENCE!!

TOH-TOH
KOZA'S FATHER

YOUR NAME IS TOH-TOH.

YES, SIRE.

OUCH !!

OW !!

OW !!

WHAK WHAK WHAK!!

YOU FOOL! YOU FOOL!! YOU FOOL !!!

YOU MAY REMAIN IN ALUBARNA WHILE YOU PONDER YOUR FUTURE!!

THE CROWN WILL PROVIDE RELIEF FOR YOUR VILLAGE DURING THIS TIME OF DROUGHT.

WAIT !!!

KOZA!!! SHUT UP!!!!

TMP TMP TMP!!

HA!!! YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR US VILLAGERS!!!

SUCH BENEVOLENCE!! THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY!! THANK YOU!!

WHUMP!!

HE STORMED IN HERE FOR THE SAKE OF HIS FELLOW VILLAGERS.

WHAT A FINE BOY. HE WOULD DEFY EVEN THE KING FOR HIS PEOPLE.

YES, YOUR MAJESTY?

TOH-TOH...

THUMP!!!

WHO ARE YOU, PIPSQUEAK!?

SNIFF...!!

!!

TMP TMP...!

YOU CRYBABY !!

...

AS YOU WISH.

DON'T BE ABSURD!! IF WE REDUCE OUR OWN LIVING EXPENSES AND MAKE A FEW ADJUSTMENTS, WE CAN EASILY RAISE THE MONEY!!

KING CHOP!!

SWAK!

UGH.

FORGIVE ME, BUT THIS KINGDOM DOESN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES ...

YES, IGARAM ?

YOUR MAJESTY ...

...TO COMPEN-SATE THOSE VILLAG-ERS.

IT'S PRINCESS VIVI!!!

YOUR MAJESTY !!!

DOOM!!

AND I LOST.

SNIFF...

I GOT IN A FIGHT.

IGARAM, WAIT!!!

HOW DARE THAT BRAT LAY A HAND ON THE PRIN-CESS!! I'LL THRASH HIM!!!

PRIN-CESS VIVI!!

VIVI !!

KILL ME, BUT SPARE MY SON!!!!

DOOM!!

FORGIVE HIM!!!

IT WAS ONLY A FIGHT BETWEEN CHILDREN!!

HUFF... HUFF...

WING CHOP!!

UGH !!

QUIET, BOTH OF YOU !!!

DOOM!!

YACK YACK

YACK YACK

ALU-BARNA

CAPITAL OF ALA-BASTA

ON THE OUT-SKIRTS OF THE CITY...

RAH RAH

IT'S A FIGHT TO THE DEATH !!!

HEY, KOZA IS OUR CHIEF!!

GET HIM, VIVI!!

RAH

YEAH, TEACH HER A LESSON!

RAH

RAH

DON'T GO EASY ON HER JUST 'CAUSE SHE'S A PRINCESS, KOZA!

I'VE BEEN TOP DOG AROUND HERE FOR A LONG TIME!

DA-DOOM!

RAH

RAH

THEN IF I WIN, I'LL BE YOUR CHIEF!!

I'M NOT GONNA LET A COCKY LITTLE PIPSQUEAK BEAT ME!

RAH...

RAH

RAH

RAH

RAH

TA-DAH!!

ANYBODY GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT!!?

EVERYBODY LISTEN UP!! AS OF TODAY, VIVI IS THE SECOND IN COMMAND OF THE SAND-SAND BAND!!!

YES.

VIVI HAS MADE SOME NEW FRIENDS.

...

YOU SEE, IGARAM?

RAH RAH

NO !!!

SNEAK SNEAK

IT'S HIS MAJESTY!

IT'S THE KING!

GULP GULP!!

AND IGARAM, THE CAPTAIN OF THE ROYAL GUARD.

...WHEN SHE ONE DAY LEADS ALABASTA!!

THIS WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING...

...

KOZA IS...YOU KNOW WHERE.

GOOD MORNING, PRINCESS.

WHERE'S THE CHIEF?

GOOD MORNING, MR. AND MRS. TOH-TOH!!

TMP TMP, TMP

IT SHOWS THAT THE KINGDOM IS AT PEACE.

A PRINCESS COMING AND GOING IN THE HOMES OF PEASANTS...

HEH HEH... WHAT A STRANGE KINGDOM...

YES, THANK YOU!!

VIVI, WILL YOU STAY FOR LUNCH?

HUH!? YOU FOLLOWED HER TOO, YOUR MAJESTY!?

YOUR MAJESTY!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!!?

GULP

W-WELL... I GET WORRIED.

!!

PLEASE EXCUSE ME!!

...

SWUFF SWUFF

SWUFF SWUFF---

HUH!? OH, NO THANK YOU. I BROUGHT SOME RICE-BALLS.

CAPTAIN IGARAM, WILL YOU EAT LUNCH WITH US?

SWUFF SWUFF

SNEAK

TA-DOOM...

TMP TMP TMP

!

WANT SOME COMPANY?

HEY, GIRLIE.

YOU HEARD ME!!

WHAT?

GO HOME! YOU'RE MAKING MORE WORK FOR ME!

!?

YOU GUYS!!

WHAT!? THESE GUYS AREN'T DEAD YET!?

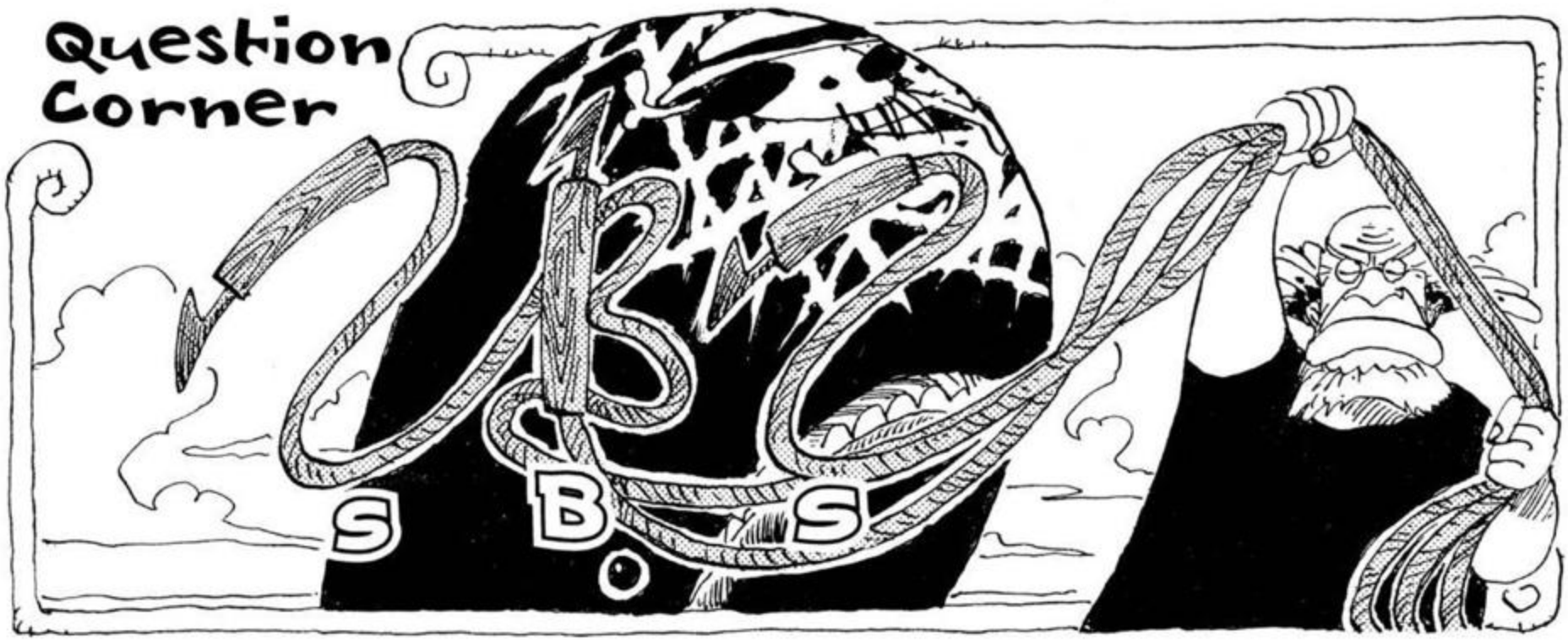
THWAK!!

SAND-SAND BAND, ATTACK !!!

WAH!!

THEY'RE AFTER YOU!!!

RUN, VIVI !!!



Q: Hey, Oda Baby, just how bad is Zolo's sense of direction? Use Xs and Ys to explain!! By order of Zolo.

A: Er, let's see... X times y? Okay, next.

Q: We're a married couple and we're big fans of the Hiking Bear. ♡ How is one punished when one forgets to bow to him? (Mountain climbing etiquette.) This worries us so much that we can't make babies.

A: Can't make babies? That's a problem. But this is important, so please remember--the Hiking Bear loves mountains, and he never forgives bad-mannered climbers. The punishment is one hour of sitting, meditation style. This is harsh. After all, taking for granted the Bear's beloved mountains is a serious offense. (From *The Drum Animal Encyclopedia*)

Q: Hello, I have a question for you, Oda Sensei. "Krieg" is the German word for war. *One Piece* seems to have a lot of German in it. Is there a connection between pirates and Germany?

A: Hmm... I don't think so. I just selected words that had the meanings I wanted and a good "feeling" to them. The theme of the Krieg story was "war," so I chose a word that was easy to remember.

Q: Happy New Year!!
Hey, you!! Oda!! Can you beat up my gorilla?

This is the end of the Question Corner.

A: Hey, what's up!? Anyway, see you in the next volume. Huh? A gorilla? No way I can beat it up. Besides, it's got enormous spiritual power. But it likes bananas, right? Maybe I can use a banana to trap it.